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Photo by Senior Airman Colville McFee

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Perry Grimme, 802nd Security Forces Squadron flight chief, attaches night vision goggles to his head during night weapons training Aug. 8. at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Air Force members from the 802nd Security Forces Squadron train annually on weapons and have night proficiency training on weapons every six months.

# Keesler, Sheppard and Vance shine in 'King of the Hill' game

By Tech. Sgt. Beth Anschutz

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

The King of the Hill game has ended, and three Air Education and Training Command bases have been spotlighted for best idea, individual participation, and wing participation.

Keesler Air Force Base's (Miss.) idea on "C3 Multi-Functional Device Initiatives," which involved renegotiating print, copy, scan and fax lease agreements, won the final match over Columbus AFB's (Miss.) idea on "Building 406 Corrosion Control."

Air Force Capt. Kurt Schmidbauer, AETC command financial analyst, said the contest played out in a very exciting final match Aug. 12.

"As Columbus cruised to the final round without a single loss, Keesler had to win

three days in a row in the 'loser's bracket' just to make it to the final match," Schmidbauer said. "From that point, Keesler defeated Columbus twice in a row to claim the championship."

According to Schmidbauer, over the course of Keesler's five straight wins, the base averaged nearly 1,000 base members voting per day, a testament to their ability to organize and spread the message on the Cost Conscience Culture initiative.

While more than 15,500 individuals across AETC voted at least once during the contest, two individuals distinguished themselves by voting each of the 43 days. Thomas Wade, from the 71st Force Support Squadron at Vance AFB, was named the individual participation winner because he correctly predicted the winner 29 times out of 43 matches.

The 80th Flying Training Wing at Shep-

pard AFB was named the wing participation champion. The wing's 100 percent participation rate was unmatched by any other organization in AETC.

"In the end, we met the goal of spreading the C3 message," said Schmidbauer. "We received 106 ideas through the game link, compared to 14 during the entire quarter prior to the game, and received 210 comments on existing ideas."

All the information gathered during the King of the Hill game will add to the idea validation process, which will include a financial and functional review to ensure the idea is valid and does not violate any established directive.

Although the King of the Hill game has ended, the continuation of innovation is what is important to the future of AETC and the Air Force.

## 59th MDW Outstanding Airman strives to make a difference

By Alexis Culver

59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

A mental health technician from the 59th Medical Wing was recently recognized as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Casey Anderson's achievement is another recognition added to her list as one of the command's outstanding enlisted Airmen of the Year for 2013, Air Education and Training Command's Mental Health Airman of the Year, and the 59th MDW Airman of the Year.

The Outstanding Airman of the Year award recognizes 12 honorees selected for their superior leadership, job performance and personal achievements by an Air Force selection board at the Air Force Personnel Center.

"[Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Byron Hepburn], myself and the entire 59th MDW team are absolutely honored to have the privilege to serve alongside such a phenomenal Airman as Staff Sgt. Anderson," said Chief Master Sgt. Maurice James, 59th Medical Wing command chief. "She is an incredible mental health technician, but an even more



Photo by Sgt. Kevin Iinuma

Senior Airman Casey Anderson, who has since promoted to staff sgt., demonstrates the head tilt, chin lift technique during a basic life support class July 12 at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Anderson, one of this year's Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen, is a mental health and neuropsychology technician at the 59th Medical Operations Squadron.

amazing Airman, who totally embraces the whole person concept that the Air Force ardently desires of its Airmen."

"I believe she is the right choice to rep-

resent the 59th MDW, AETC, Force Medical Service and the Air Force. Without a doubt she's doing an outstanding job," he added.

Since being recognized as one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen, Anderson continues to receive support from her family, friends, leaders, peers and patients.

"It has actually humbled me to make sure I'm representing the Air Force and mental health in a positive light," Anderson said. "It puts pressure on to make sure that you're just that much more on top of your game, which isn't a bad thing, it's a challenge."

One challenge Anderson is facing since the recognition is breaking the stigma associated with seeking mental help.

"Mental health used to have a stigma," Anderson said. "People think there are huge ramifications to seeking help and that's simply not the case. There has been a huge shift in our culture, and I want all our Airmen to know that it's ok to seek help."

Giving back to her community is also important to Anderson. For more than two years, Anderson has been coaching approximately 30 children in a cheer and

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## News in Brief

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### SEPT. 11

#### 9/11 REMEMBRANCE RUN

The Robert D. Gaylor NCO Academy 9/11 remembrance run is 7 a.m. to 4:11 p.m., Sept. 11, at the 1.5-mile track on the basic military training side of Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The event is for JBSA Department of Defense cardholders and dependents. Both individual and team participation is allowed. The registration deadline is Sept. 6. Call Tech. Sgt. Douglas Greene at 671-3956.

### SEPT. 18

#### JOINT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Security Hill 5/6 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland will sponsor a joint professional development seminar for junior enlisted military members in all services Sept. 18, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Mitchell Hall.

The class will focus on working in a joint environment, inter-service communications and service related cultural differences.

Registration is available online at <https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/00-ED-AE-15/registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>. The registration deadline is Sept. 13. Contact Tech. Sgt. Tamisha Rutledge at 395-0131 or Tech. Sgt. Jason Gaddis at 969-4278.

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#### CAC/ID CARDS APPOINTMENTS

Appointment times at the main DEERS ID Card/Common Access Card issuance facilities at Joint Base San Antonio are about three weeks out due to high volume. Emergency walk-in wait times can range between one and three hours.

All DOD CAC/ID cardholders to include retirees and dependents needing new or updated cards are encouraged to schedule appointments. CAC cardholders who receive email notification that their card is within 60 days of expiration need to make an appointment immediately. Appointments are scheduled in 20-minute intervals between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Schedule appointments at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. Call 671-4178.

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# 'JET'ing off – Mock deployment for military youth

By Mike Joseph

JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

Adult volunteers sweated profusely standing in the summer sun for almost three hours. The children were sweating too but also dirty from a low crawl through the grass.

Neither group seemed to mind, since that's what happens when military youth experience a mock deployment during Operation Junior Expeditionary Team, hosted Aug. 16 across from the Bob Hope Theater at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

"We're more than pleased with the turnout," said Master Sgt. Jose Ontiveros, Readiness NCO for Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center.

"It was a true Joint Base San Antonio event. What exceeded our expectations was we had kids and volunteers from Fort Sam Houston, Randolph and other Air Force agencies in the San Antonio area," Ontiveros said.

Operation JET, a free annual event, is designed for military youth to experience a realistic sampling about deployment.

Held on a grassy field dubbed "Camp Freedom," 170 children participated in the mock deployment and 65 adult volunteers helped the children sample military life downrange.

The event included a predeployment briefing and mobility line, climbing through a vehicle on site to symbolize entering a deployed location, a low crawl with weapons movement, and a gurney carry to move injured personnel.

"This (Operation JET) will help these kids see what their parents go through when it comes to deploying and being an expeditionary Airman," said Staff Sgt. Thomas McKerlie, a volunteer who set up and worked the low



Photo by Joshua Rodriguez

Airmen assigned to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland cheer on family members and military youth who experienced a mock deployment during Operation Junior Expeditionary Team, hosted Aug 16 at JBSA-Lackland.

crawl and weapons movement.

"It's not a matter of if we deploy, it's when," McKerlie said. "The family needs to be ready, the military members need to stay ready not get ready, and their kids need to be able to be resilient."

"Anything we can do to help the Air Force family has a positive impact on the overall mission."

Participants also had an opportunity to try on body armor and helmets, view equipment used by Air Force Pararescuemen, and see the Anti-Terrorism/CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear explosives) gear worn by military members in the field.

The children returned from their 'deployment' to the Hope Theater for a "hero's welcome home" celebration that included a special surprise this year: school supplies for the participants.

"That was a great twist to the event since school is right around the corner," said Ontiveros. "I know the kids and parents appreciated it."

In past years, participants were bussed to different "camp" locations on base for the event. However, the current military fiscal climate eliminated that option.

"Unfortunately, funding took its toll even on an event like this," Ontiveros said. "The funding wasn't there for some of the support pieces. Instead of scrapping the event, we pressed on and made sure we did everything we could."

"We had great support from base organizations like the Airman's Voice, the Lackland 5/6, the Lackland Top III, the first sergeants and the Chiefs' Group," he said. "All the volunteers stepped up and brought something amazing to the event. It's something the kids look forward to every year."

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in feet above sea level as of Aug. 22

## CURRENT LEVEL

### 634.1'

The Joint Base San Antonio Drought Management Plan is available at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/shared/media/document/AF0-130809-013.pdf>

## AROUND JBSA

802nd FSS Change of Command



Photo by Joshua Rodriguez  
U.S. Air Force Lt Col. Erica K. Rabe assumed command of the 802nd Force Support Squadron Monday at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

## Smoking & Home Fire Safety



The place where we feel safest — at home — is where most smoking-materials structure fires, deaths, and injuries occur. Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths. Smoking material fires are preventable.

### Smoking Safety

- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes.
- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and dens or in bedrooms.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.

### Put It Out!

- Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out, and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.

### Smoking and Medical Oxygen

Never smoke and never allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than normal. It can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.

### Be Alert!

- To prevent a deadly cigarette fire, you must be alert. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs that make you drowsy or have consumed alcohol.
- Never smoke in bed.

### FACTS

- ① The risk of dying in a home structure fire caused by smoking materials rises with age.
- ① One out of four fatal victims of smoking-material fires is not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.



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# 59th MDW vice commander's departing thoughts

By Mike Joseph  
JBASA-Lackland Public Affairs

After more than two years as the vice commander of the 59th Medical Wing, the Air Force's largest medical wing, Col. James McClain prepares to take his leadership style to the Washington Capital Beltway.

McClain, who leaves next week to take command of the Air Force Medical Support Agency in Washington, D.C., said his philosophy on military leadership will not change.

"Leading in today's military is challenging. The complexities and commitment can be overwhelming at times, but it is very satisfying," said McClain, who has been nominated for promotion to brigadier general and assumes command of AFMSA on Sept. 26. "

For McClain, job fulfillment comes from solving problems and motivating others toward a common vision, much like what he did when he became vice commander in June 2011.

During his tenure, a massive transformation was underway in San Antonio.

Dictated by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Act, installation support functions from the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force were combined to form the new Joint Base San Antonio. Also, the integration of military health care services led to the creation of what would become the San Antonio Military Health System.

In the midst of these changes, McClain served as the chairman of the 59th MDW BRAC Transition Steering Group, which helped steer Wilford Hall's transition from a medical center into the Defense Department's largest ambulatory surgical center.

"The biggest challenge of this job is the sheer complexity of the medical wing, the San Antonio Military Health System and JBASA – the integration of Army and Air Force medical operations," said McClain.

A 59th MDW Process Improvement Committee grew out of McClain's belief that great strides could be made through addressing inefficiencies in the wing's day to day practices. Helping to bring an organization like the PIC to a complex environment was very satisfying, said McClain.

"The PIC brought structure, visibility and furthered unity between our seven groups in the 59th Medical Wing. We sought to make things better," McClain said. "To get a structure and tracking tool established that allows us to make processes better, I'm very proud of that."

The new head of the AFMSA will also become the Air Force's Biomedical Science Corps chief and its Assistant Surgeon General for Modernization.

"My wife and I are both very humbled by the opportunity," he said. "I believe in continuous improvement throughout our lives. As a result, I am committed to being the best possible officer and



Courtesy photos

On the left, then Cadet James McClain in his U.S. Air Force Academy parade dress uniform. McClain graduated from the Academy in 1986. On the right, McClain in 2013 as the vice commander of the 59th Medical Wing.

leader I can be," he said. "It's also key to have self awareness. That's key in order to ensure you're everything you can to be the best for yourself and others."

McClain attributes his success, in part, to his assignment here, and the great things he's learned from being in the 59th MDW, and from Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Byron Hepburn, 59th MDW command-

er. "The 59th MDW is a phenomenal learning environment for anyone in a leadership role," said McClain. "General Hepburn is a great senior leader and a great mentor not only to me, but to all of our commanders.

"In my opinion," he said, "that is one of the key roles of a commander, to inspire and lead from the front."

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tumbling program she created at the youth center on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

She is also passionate about briefing Airmen on suicide prevention at the First Term Airman Course, the hospital newcomer's orientation and other 59th MDW units.

Anderson's efforts to help others, both on and off duty, are catching the attention of her supervisors.

"She earned it; by no means was it given," said Staff Sgt. Navon Martin, NCO in charge of Specialty Services at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. "She's very passionate about everything she does. We get compliments all the time on how well she does from the different areas she briefs."

Anderson will receive the award in September at the annual Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition in Washington, D.C.

"I want to use this as more than just an award," Anderson said. "I feel I can make a change and I'm in a position to do so. If I use my words and actions wisely, a piece of my voice will make a difference."

"I just want to say thank you," she added. "I know this opportunity wouldn't have been given without the support of those around me and I am so grateful.

"I've realized the opportunities and blessings I've received from my leadership and from people in the hospital. So many people have contributed to this and I couldn't have done this by myself."

## NOTICES FROM YOUR JBASA-PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM

### DEALING WITH THE MEDIA

How would you respond if a news reporter approached you to comment on a matter related to the Air Force or your job? Here are some tips to follow: Think before you speak. Contact the public affairs office first if you are asked to do a media interview and want to do it. If you are approached on the street by a reporter, you will be quoted in the newspaper or appear on the 10 p.m. newscast answering questions that may prove embarrassing. Reporters may also ask for interviews "on line." Don't appear to be the Air Force's spokesperson; make it clear you are giving your personal opinion during an interview. Don't try to address Air Force policy issues without first consulting public affairs. And remember, your right of free speech also means you can refuse to speak. Politely tell the media no, or to contact public affairs. If you

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## AROUND JBSA

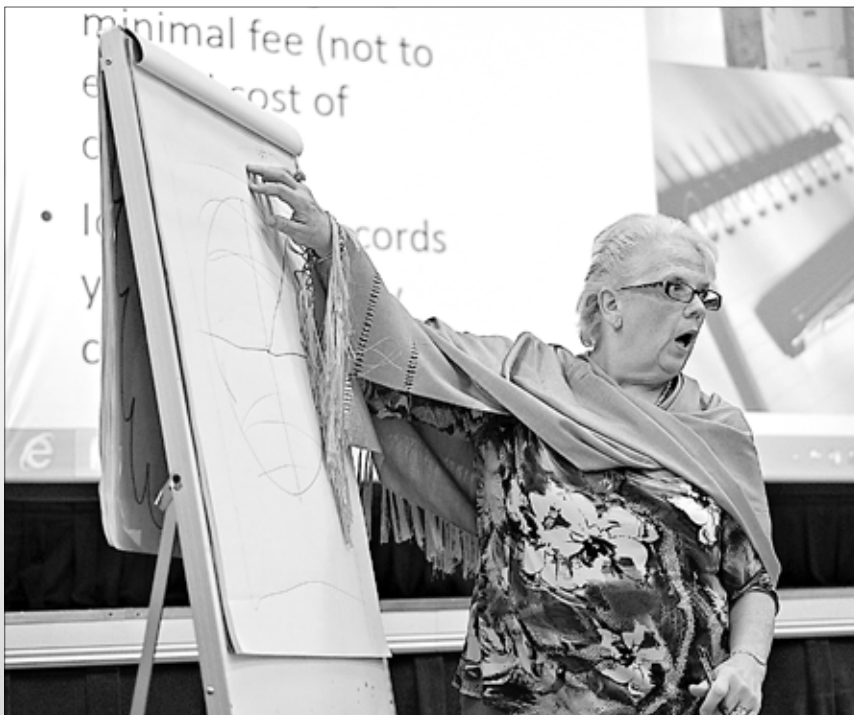


Photo by Benjamin Faske

Heather Hebdon, specialized training of military parents director, provided exceptional family members information on special education and health needs at Arnold Hall Tuesday, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

## Federal Benefits for Same-Sex Spouses:

The deadline for DOD civilian employees married prior to June 26 to enroll eligible family members in federal benefit programs is Monday. Employees married after June 26 have 60 days from the date of marriage to enroll. Information on how to enroll can be found via myPers at - [https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/25427/p/1,2/c/89](https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/25427/p/1,2/c/89)

## BMT HONORS

Congratulations to the following 42 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 424 Air Force basic military trainees who graduated today:

### 320th Training Squadron

#### –Flight 525

Joshua Alano  
Garry Carman  
Phyleoh Castaneda  
Gideon Duke  
John Floyd  
Zachary Gail  
Donald Hatfield  
James Potter  
Joel Timmons  
–Flight 526  
Kyle Bardenas  
Joshua Cowper

Zaquero Harnett  
Daniel Larsen  
323rd Training Squadron  
Flight 519

Andrew Darrow  
Robert Despres  
Charles Martin  
Savon Soares  
Gabriel Terrill  
Justin Whittington

#### –Flight 520

Emily Cashman  
Victoria Coffman  
Sabrina Ravellette

### 326th Training Squadron

#### –Flight 523

Zachary Boswell  
Brian Carrell  
Timothy Coates  
Michal Dabrowski  
Joshua Linz

Alexander Nichols  
Matthew Wise  
–Flight 524  
Cody Beamer  
Samuel Burke  
Thomas Gutherman  
Levi Moser  
Cristopher Robles-Gil  
Brenton Thom

### 331st Training Squadron

#### –Flight 521

Justin Baughman  
Steven Beasley Jr.  
Richard Franz  
Andrew Hanson  
Caleb Ice  
Lloyd Inlow  
Donnie Milligan II

### Top BMT Airman

Steven Beasley Jr.

331st TRS, Flight 521

### Most Physically Fit

#### –Male Airmen

Moses Chelimo  
320th TRS, Flight 526  
Zaquero Harnett  
320th TRS, Flight 526  
Joseph Seedorf  
323rd TRS, Flight 519  
Emanuel Cobar  
320th TRS, Flight 526

#### –Female Airmen

Emilee Lust  
323rd TRS, Flight 520  
Sabrina Ravellette  
323rd TRS, Flight 520  
Taquisha Sweet  
323rd TRS, Flight 520  
Kimbire Marsh  
323rd TRS, Flight 520

### –Male Flights

331st TRS, Flight 521  
320th TRS, Flight 525  
323rd TRS, Flight 519  
326th TRS, Flight 524  
326th TRS, Flight 523  
320th TRS, Flight 526

### –Female Flights

323rd TRS, Flight 520  
331st TRS, Flight 522

### Top Academic Flights

326th TRS, Flight 524  
320th TRS, Flight 526  
331st TRS, Flight 521  
323rd TRS, Flight 519  
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331st TRS, Flight 522  
323rd TRS, Flight 520

# 668th teams up with Threads of Love for wounded warriors

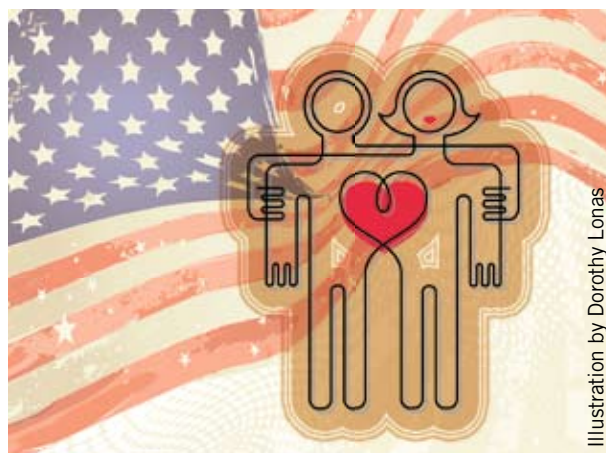
By Shawna Knode and Nancy Moore  
668th Alteration and Installation Squadron

Every Wednesday, volunteers from the 668th Alteration and Installation Squadron meet with representatives from Threads of Love, a non-profit organization providing comfort and care items for premature infants, to work together on reaching their 2014 goal of making and delivering 200 blankets for wounded warriors around the San Antonio area.

The collaboration between Airmen and TOL began in January when the San Antonio chapter received a large donation of yarn that was unsuitable for preemie products. The chapter volunteers decided they could use the yarn to make lap blankets for service members being treated at the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

The goal was to make 50 blankets to be delivered during the 4th of July weekend. They began crocheting and knitting 9-by-9-inch squares that could then be stitched together to make blankets. Some of the TOL volunteers were members of the 668th ALIS, who spread the word to their spouses.

In February, the squadron volunteers and their spouses began meeting and the combined group



grew to more than 20 volunteers. They met every other Wednesday in the squadron's conference rooms to knit and crochet together while contributing to the efforts of Threads of Love and the sacrifices of fellow service members.

Although many had never worked with yarn before, within a few short weeks they were all bringing in their own uniquely made and well-crafted squares.

By May, TOL started receiving finished blankets

from volunteers not only from the 668th ALIS, but also from church groups and several corporate organizations in the greater San Antonio area.

By the end of June, they had far surpassed the original goal of 50, assembling 109 lap blankets.

The outpouring of support had grown to include not only volunteers from the local area, but also friends and families from 20 states, who sent their knitted and crocheted squares. In July, some of the volunteers from the 668 ALIS joined other TOL volunteers to deliver the lap blankets to the wounded warriors and their families at both the SAMMC and the Warrior and Family Support Center.

The 668 ALIS spouses and squadron volunteers now meet every Wednesday to continue their volunteer support to TOL with preemie products and squares for warrior blankets. They hope to spread the word about the work that TOL does for others at Joint Base San Antonio.

Even today, blanket squares continue to arrive. They are well on their way to reaching their 2014 goal to deliver 200 blankets to wounded warriors and their families.

For more information about Threads of Love please visit their website at <http://threadsoflove-sa.org/> or contact the local director, Liz Page, at 279-1717.



# School, safety go hand-in-hand

By Gilbert Resendez

502nd Air Base Wing OL-A Ground Safety Office

Family vacations, summer camps, pool parties, barbecues and spending quality time with the family were fun while it lasted.

Now summer vacation is almost over and it's time to put a back-to-school plan into action before the first school bells ring. Children will need school supplies and new clothes, and allowances are made for those items.

But has safety been incorporated into back-to-school preparations?

Here are things parents need to know and consider so that when kids get to school, they may return safely home.

All parents should take the time to

educate their children about safety, regardless of age. Although some children mature faster than others, there is no right age for children to start walking or riding their bicycles to school alone or with a friend.

Let your children know that drivers and cars are their No. 1 threat on the street. When crossing the street, children should stop at the crosswalk, look to the left, then to the right, and then to the left again before proceeding across the street.

If they ride bicycles, children should never ride across a busy intersection. Let them know it is best to get off the bicycle and walk their bikes next to them as they cross the street.

Remember, not all intersections have traffic lights. Many times, there are no crossing guards at these in-

tersections.

As parents, make your children understand the importance of playing it safe and using common sense. A safe route needs to be drawn out, but don't forget that an alternate route is just as important. Talk with your children and develop a simple route. One thing to consider is children will be safer with fewer street crossings and intersections.

In addition, make sure they wear the proper bicycle headgear and obey all traffic laws.

If your children ride the school bus, some basic rules to follow are:

- Children must wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before approaching it from the curb. Never let your children run toward the bus. The bus driver may not see them and

this could lead to a tragedy.

- Tell your children they are to remain seated at all times and keep their hands and heads inside the bus while it is in motion.

- Today's busses come equipped with seatbelts. Make sure your kids use them, just like they do when they ride in the family car.

- When the bus comes to a stop, your children should exit the bus in an orderly manner and look for oncoming traffic.

An additional safety measure: Children should know their home telephone number, their address and, if possible, a parent's work telephone number. It's also good for children to know the number of a trusted adult who has been designated for notification in case of an emergency.

With back-to-school plans in full swing, there is no reason why your children can't enjoy another school year – safely. Remember: School and safety go hand-in-hand.

## Lackland ISD Revises Transfer Policy for 2013-2014 School Year

The Lackland Independent School District has once again revised its Interdistrict Transfer Policy.

The policy is broken into the following three categories:

### Category 1

An eligible resident student enrolled in the District in prekindergarten–grade 12 who becomes a nonresident during the course of a school year shall be permitted to request a transfer if the student's parent remains on military active duty in the uniformed services or retires from military active duty.

For a student in prekindergarten–grade 8 who makes a request in this category, the principal shall determine the length of the transfer period based on the factors listed in this policy; however, the transfer shall not extend beyond the end of the school year.

### Category 2

An eligible nonresident student enrolled in the district shall be permitted to request a transfer if:

1. The student's parent remains on military active duty in the uniformed services or retires from military active duty; and
2. The student has been continuously enrolled in the district on an approved transfer since December 18, 2009, or has completed grade 9, 10 or 11 in the district.

### Category 3

An eligible nonresident student in grades 9-12 shall be permitted to request a transfer if the student's parent remains on military active duty in the uniformed services.

Active-duty parents who live off base and are considering a transfer should

first determine if they qualify for any of the above categories.

Note: Off-base students in grades PK-8 will not be allowed to transfer to Lackland schools unless they meet one of the categories listed above.

Parents who are unsure if their child qualifies for a transfer, they should contact the school their child would or presently attends.

The number for Lackland Elementary (grades prekindergarten-6) is 357-5053. The number for Stacey Jr/Sr High School (grades 7-12) is 357-5100. The number to the Lackland ISD central office is 357-5002.

In approving any transfer request, the superintendent or designee shall consider the availability of space and instructional staff, the student's disciplinary history, academic history and attendance records. These are the factors mentioned in Category 1.

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# Labor Day safety to conclude CDOS campaign

By: Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade  
JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs

As summer comes to a close, the Critical Days of Summer campaign to conclude with Labor Day safety.

Labor Day symbolizes the end of summer, the beginning of football season and a celebration for workers and their families, Staff Sgt. Gary Lund, 502nd Air Base Wing ground safety technician, said.

Common recreational activities during this holiday can vary from barbecues to travel and camping – all of which can be dangerous if the proper procedures to manage one's safety are not taken.

Lund said the usual risks of Labor Day weekend include "long road trips, summer hazards and alcohol consumption."

No matter what plans are in store for the holiday weekend, Joint Base San Antonio members should always have a plan and utilize the wingman, or battle buddy, concept, Lund said. If one is planning on leaving the local area, notify a second party and avoid traveling alone.

Alcohol consumption is a factor that should be carefully considered and planned around at all times.

"Use the wingman philosophy," Mar-

vin Joyce, 502nd ABW safety and occupational health specialist, said. "Watch over each other, know your limits, make a plan and designate a driver. If you're going to drink, do so responsibly and drink enough water to stay hydrated."

Along with alcohol consumption, other potential hazards include cooking food on or around open flames, and water mishaps.

To lessen the danger of recreational activities during Labor Day weekend, Joyce said to "maintain constant supervision."

"Make sure barbecue grills are in good working condition and if participating in water activities, set safety rules for the whole group based on their swimming capabilities," he said.

While travelling to and from events or different areas, "follow all road rules," Lund said. Travel preparation should include a survival kit, vehicle tune-up, supervision of potential bad weather and adequate rest, he said.

Airmen age 26 and below travelling long distances must fill out an Air Education and Training Form 29B. Soldiers should use the Ground Risk Assessment Tool found at <http://safety.army.mil> which will provide the user with an automated DA Form 7566 that can be updated, saved and emailed.



Courtesy photo

## AIR FORCE BALL TICKETS AVAILABLE



Photo by Don Lindsey

Airmen in historic military uniforms gather at the 2012 Air Force Ball. The 2013 San Antonio Air Force Ball takes place Sept. 20 at the Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St. in San Antonio. The social starts at 6 p.m. and the main event starts at 7 p.m. Military attire is mess dress or semi-formal and civilian attire is formal or black tie. The longest-serving Airman in Air Force history and the longest-serving African American in the history of the Department of Defense, retired Maj. Gen. Alfred K. Flowers, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$40 and available with cash payment to the following individuals: JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Senior Master Sgt. Vickie Perry at 466-2583, Master Sgt. Lacittra Barnett at 808-2659 or Master Sgt. Kristen Hess at 916-1014; JBSA-Lackland, Tech. Sgt. Araceli Alarcon at 671-3560 for Airmen through technical sergeants, Master Sgt. Fordham Terrill at 977-5839 or Master Sgt. Anthony Foremski at 969-5416 for top three enlisted ranks and 1st Lt. Sara-Grace Ramos at 671-6706 for officers; JBSA-Randolph, Tech. Sgt. Brian Jenkins at 652-3365 or Staff Sgt. Jamario Liggins at 565-9217 for Airmen through technical sergeants, Senior Master Sgt. Shannon Burrier-Morris at 565-4861 for top three and 1st Lt. Adam Staricha at 565-9251 for officers. To pay with a credit or debit card (with a \$1.50 surcharge per ticket), click on <http://2013afball.ecwid.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/SanAntonioAirForceBall>.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Family Support Events

ALL CLASSES, SEMINARS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE HELD AT THE AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER, BUILDING 1249, UNLESS NOTED BELOW. CALL AFRC AT 671-3722 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

### FRIDAY

- Car buying, 10 a.m. to noon.
- American Veterans national service officer available by appointment only. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.

### MONDAY

- Five-day Transition Assistance Program, mandatory pre-separation briefing and Form 2648 are required prerequisites, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than 30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11 a.m.
- Post-deployment briefing, required for all Airmen returning from deployment, 802nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, Building 5160, 2:30-3 p.m.
- American Veterans national service officer available by appointment only. Call 773-354-6131 for more information.

### TUESDAY

- Transition Assistance Program, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- American Veterans national service officer available by appointment only. Call 773-354-6131 for details.

### WEDNESDAY

- Transition Assistance Program, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Newcomer's orientation briefing, mandatory for personnel new to JBASA-Lackland, Gateway Club, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Four to Go, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- American Veterans national service officer available by appointment only. Call 773-354-6131 for details.

### THURSDAY

- Transition Assistance Program, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Building 7246, 1 p.m.

- Call 800-973-7630 or 671-4057.
- American Veterans national service officer available by appointment only. Call 773-354-6131 for details.

### SEPT. 2

- The Airman and Family Readiness Center will be closed for Labor Day.

### SEPT. 3

- American Veterans national service officer available by appointment only. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.

### SEPT. 9

- Spouse career days, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than 30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11 a.m.
- Post deployment briefing, required for all Airmen returning from deployment, 802nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, Building

- 5160, 2:30-3 p.m.
- American Veterans national service officer available by appointment only. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.

### SEPT. 10

- Spouse career days, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- American Veterans national service officer available by appointment only. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.

### SEPT. 11

- Newcomer's orientation briefing, mandatory for personnel new to JBASA-Lackland, Gateway Club, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Understanding the Veterans Administration claims process, 10 a.m. to noon.
- American Veterans national service officer available by appointment only. Call 773-354-6131 for additional information.

## Monthly Meetings

### ENLISTED SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Enlisted Spouses' Club meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Balfour Beatty Community Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.lacklandesc.org>.

### OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club meets monthly. For dates and times, or more information, visit <http://www.lacklandesc.org>.

### MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Military Council of Catholic Women meets the first Friday of the month, 9:30 a.m., at Freedom Chapel. For additional information, call 671-4208.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

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### TUESDAY

#### SPOUSES' CLUB MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP

The Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club will hold a membership roundup Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Gateway Club. There will be membership information and applications, "Get to Know You" activities, LOSC special activities information and sign-up tables, complimentary finger foods and beverages.

For more information, visit <http://www.lacklandosc.org>.

### WEDNESDAY

#### RETIRED ENLISTED ASSOCIATION MEETING

Retired Enlisted Association Chapter 80 meetings are held at the Gateway Club every fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m.

For additional information, call 658-2344.

### SEPT. 11

#### AWANA CLUBS REGISTRATION

Registration is underway for AWANA Clubs at Freedom Chapel, which begins Sept. 11.

The clubs are divided into six groups: Puggles, 2-year-olds; Cub-

bies, 3 and 4 year olds; Sparks, 5 to 7 year olds; Truth and Telling, 8 to 11 year olds; Trek, 12 and 13 year olds; and Journey, 14 to 17 year olds.

Christian adult volunteers are also needed for the clubs. Meetings run Sept. 11 through May 2014, 6-8 p.m., on Wednesdays at Freedom Chapel. Background checks will be run and extensive training is provided for all volunteers.

For additional information, contact the Rev. Beth Key at 671-4208.

### SEPT. 17

#### CUSTOMER SUPPLY TRAINING

The 802nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's Equipment Accountability Element conducts three classes on the third Tuesday each month in the second floor conference room of Building 5160.

The Sept. 17 classes and start times are: Block I General Supply Training, 8 a.m.; Block II Bench Stock Training, 8:45 a.m.; and Block III Equipment Custodian Supplemental/Refresher Training, 9:30 a.m.

For additional information or to register, contact Ray Holland or Eugene Owens at 925-1140 or 671-3801.

### SEPT. 28

#### DAR MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

A membership workshop for Daughters of the American Revolution, Green Mountain Boys Chapter, is Sept. 28, 1-3 p.m., at the Universal City Library.

The DAR was founded in 1890 and is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. Its mission is to promote patriotism, preserve American history and secure America's future through better education for children.

Membership is open to women 18 years and older able to trace their family back to an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence.

The workshop reservation deadline is Sept. 23

For information, call Mary Fletcher at 492-9414 or Jean Kanter at 497-2412.

### OCT. 1

#### FIRST SERGEANT SYMPOSIUM

Registration is underway for the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Additional Duty First Sergeant Symposium Oct. 1-4 at Forbes Hall on the JBSA-Lackland Medina Training Annex.

The symposium is for prospective and current additional duty first sergeants. Attendees must coordinate with their first sergeant, group chief enlisted manager or command chief prior to registration.

To register, visit <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=165627&k=0367470F7950>.

The registration deadline is Sept. 23. For details, call Master Sgt. Jamie Williams at 671-5929.

### OCT. 4

#### AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

An AARP safe driver program is Oct. 4, 12:30-5 p.m., at Air Force Village 2. The course covers driving strategies, new laws and challenges with local driving.

Participants will receive a certificate, good for three years, by completing the class. Some insurance companies may offer driver discounts for class completion.

Call B.J. Laymon at 671-4208 between 1-6 p.m. Monday through Friday for more information or registration.

### INFORMATIONAL

#### LACKLAND THRIFT SHOP OPEN

The Lackland Thrift Shop, a non-

profit run by the Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club, has been remodeled and reopened with new merchandise.

Customers can now use VISA and MasterCard with a \$10 minimum purchase or checks with a \$5 minimum purchase.

Regular shop hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the second Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For additional information, call 671-3608 or visit <http://www.lacklandosc.org>.

#### 37TH TRW MONTHLY PHOTO CONTEST

The 37th Training Wing Public Affairs Office has started a monthly photo contest with a different theme featured each month.

The August theme is "Absolute Professionalism: It's in the Details" in a photo that interprets the 37th TRW. Winners will be chosen by a rotating panel of judges each month.

August submissions must be emailed to 37TRW.PA.INBOX@us.af.mil by close of business Aug. 30. Entrants must be 37th TRW military, civilian employees, family members, permanent party, students or alumni.

For details, email 37TRW.PA.INBOX@us.af.mil.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### PROTESTANT

#### Freedom Chapel -Building 1528

<i>Sunday</i>	
Contemporary Service	9:30 a.m.
Religious Education	11 a.m.
Gospel Service	12:30 p.m.
<i>Wednesday</i>	
AWANA	6 p.m.

#### Hope Chapel -Building 10338

<i>Sunday</i>	
Contemporary Service	11 a.m.
Spanish Service	12:30 p.m.

#### Airmen Memorial Chapel -Building 5432

<i>Sunday</i>	
Liturgical Service	8 a.m.

### DENOMINATIONAL

#### BMT Reception Center -Building 7246

<i>Sunday</i>	
Church of Christ	7:30 a.m.

#### Gateway Chapel -Building 6300

<i>Saturday</i>	
Seventh-day Adventist	12:30 p.m.

#### Education Classroom -Building 5200

#### Room 108

<i>Sunday</i>	
Christian Science	7:30 a.m.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

#### Freedom Chapel -Building 1528

<i>Sunday</i>	
Religious Education	9 a.m.
Mass	11 a.m.
<i>Monday - Friday</i>	
Daily Mass	11:30 a.m.

#### Hope Chapel -Building 10338

<i>Saturday</i>	
Reconciliation	4:30 p.m.
Mass	5:30 p.m.

### ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN

#### Airmen Memorial Chapel -Building 5432

<i>Sunday</i>	
Religious Education	8 a.m.

### WICCA

#### BMT Reception Center -Building 7246

<i>Sunday</i>	
Military Open Circle	12:30 p.m.

#### Freedom Chapel -Building 1528

<i>First Tuesday</i>	
Military Open Circle	6 p.m.

### JEWISH

#### Airmen Memorial Chapel -Building 5432

<i>Friday</i>	
Sabbath & Kiddush	4 p.m.

### Sunday

Religious Education 12:30 p.m.

### ISLAMIC

#### Global Ministry Center -Building 7452

### Friday

Jummah Prayer 1:15 p.m.

### Sunday

Religious Education 9 a.m.

#### BMT Reception Center -Building 7246

### Sunday

Buddhist 10 a.m.

#### Gateway Chapel -Building 6300

### First, third and fifth Saturdays

Eckankar 12:30 p.m.

### First, third and fifth Saturdays

Baha'i 11 a.m.

### OTHER FAITH GROUPS

### THE CHURCH OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

#### Hope Chapel -Building 10338

<i>Tuesday</i>	
Religious Education	6:30 p.m.

### Thursday

LDS Institute 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday

LDS Service 8 a.m.

## JBSA-LACKLAND KEY FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Air Force Aid Society	671-3722
Airman & Family Readiness Center	671-3722
Airman's Attic	671-1780
American Red Cross	844-4225
Base Post Office	671-1058
Bowling Center	671-2271
DEERS	800-538-9552
Exceptional Family Member Program	671-3722
Family Child Care	671-3376
Legal Office	671-3362
Library	671-3610
Medical Appointment Line	916-9900
MPF ID Cards	671-6006
Outdoor Recreation	925-5532
TRICARE Info	800-444-5445
Thrift Shop	671-3608

Enlisted Spouses' Club	<a href="http://www.lacklandesc.org">http://www.lacklandesc.org</a>
Force Support Squadron	<a href="http://www.lacklandfss.com">http://www.lacklandfss.com</a>
Lackland ISD	<a href="http://www.lacklandisd.net">http://www.lacklandisd.net</a>
Officers' Spouses' Club	<a href="http://www.lacklandosc.org">http://www.lacklandosc.org</a>
JBSA Public website	<a href="http://www.jbsa.af.mil">http://www.jbsa.af.mil</a>
My Air Force Life	<a href="http://www.MyAirForceLife.com">http://www.MyAirForceLife.com</a>

For more details, contact Freedom Chapel - 671-4208 • Gateway Chapel - 671-2911 • Hope Chapel - 671-2941



## UPCOMING

## USAFE SPORTS REUNION

A United States Air Forces Europe football and varsity sports reunion is Aug. 30 through Sept. 1 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

The reunion is open to players, coaches, officials, cheerleaders and fans in all USAFE varsity sports.

For details visit <http://www.usafefootball.com>.

## 9/11 COMMEMORATIVE RUN

The Robert D. Gaylor NCO Academy hosts the Joint Base San Antonio 9/11 Commemorative Run 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 11 at JBSA-Lackland's 1.5 mile track. The run is open to all JBSA Department of Defense cardholders and dependents. Please contact Tech Sgt. Debra Flowers at 671-3766 or Tech Sgt. Melissa Nyman at 671-0321 for free registration. Registration closes Sept. 6.

## IMPACT FITNESS BOOT CAMP

Looking to improve your fitness level while taking on a fitness challenge and working out with your family? Come out to IMPACT fitness boot camps to enjoy fun workouts, nutrition advice, and disciplined exercises for adults and children ages 3-13. Contact Tech Sgt. Cornelius Parnell at 671-9951.

## FREE SPIN CLASS

Get a great workout with a free spin class Mondays at 4:30 p.m. at the Medina Fitness Center. Call 671-2515.

## MMA TRAINING

The Chaparral Fitness Center offers a mixed martial arts training class Mondays and Fridays from 6-7 p.m. The class is open to men and women age 14 and older. Call 671-2401.

## CARDIO KICKBOXING

If you want to work up a sweat with a dynamic workout, participate in cardio kickboxing at the Medina Fitness Center Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 per class. Call 671-4477.

## Navy team wins JBSA softball championships



The Navy Information Operations Command defeated the 149th Fighter Wing Gunfighters, 9-5, Aug. 13 to become all-JBSA Intramural Softball Champions. It was a rematch of the July 24 JBSA-Lackland Intramural Softball Finals where the 149th defeated the NIOC, 10-8, to claim the base title.

Story and photo by Jose T. Garza III  
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

After being on the short end of this year's Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland softball tournament, losing to the 149th Fighter Wing Gunfighters in the finals, the Navy Information Operations Command was ready for a second chance at softball success.

NIOC clinched the JBSA Intramural Softball Championship in a 9-5 victory over their JBSA-Lackland rivals Aug. 13.

The JBSA Intramural Softball Tournament pulls the top two intramural softball teams from each operating location to compete for the title.

On its way to attaining the trophy, the NIOC defeated Air Education and Training Command and the United States Army Installation Management Command.

Ben Martinez, NIOC coach and pitcher, was quick to give respect to his opponents.

"(The 149th) is a great team, and it feels good to finally get back in this position," Martinez said. "It seemed like we were so close last year, and we just couldn't get it done."

Last year, NIOC lost in the base finals to the 343rd Training Squadron, and subsequently, in the second round of the JBSA tournament to AETC.

When the course was set for an all-JBSA-Lackland softball final, Martinez said the team was happy to get an opportunity to avenge its base finals loss.

"We wanted to see them again because they got us in the (JBSA-Lackland) finals," Martinez said. "We were happy to play them because they are a bunch of good guys. We know them from last season."

"We are happy that revenge is done and now we will see how next season turns out."

After two years of disappointment, Martinez felt that it was the right time for NIOC to reign atop JBSA.

"We have been playing softball with each other for over three years now," Martinez said. "For most of us, this was our last go at (winning a championship) before we [permanently change stations], so we all wanted to get this championship."

Jesse Rodriguez, the 149th FW Gunfighters head coach, believed his team would have stifled NIOC's championship hopes once again if his team was healthy and intact. He said the team was playing hurt after playing in a national tournament in Florida.

It was "awesome" how the team made it to the JBSA softball finals despite its struggles,

Rodriguez said.

"We all thought it was going to be real tough struggling with injuries, but we showed up and played our hearts out for the love of the game," Rodriguez said.



## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Aug. 12

## Quarterfinals

NIOC defeated IMCOM 14-5

Army South defeated Air Force Personnel Center 7-5

Aug. 13

## Semifinals

NIOC defeated AETC 12-6

149th FW defeated Army South 10-3

## Finals

NIOC defeated 149th FW 9-5